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## Via Facsimile and First Class Mail

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Re:

**MUR 4818** 

Dear Mr. McDonnell:

Our firm, together with James E. Frasier, Esq. of Tulsa, Oklahoma, now represents respondents Gene Stipe and The Stipe Law Firm ("Stipe Respondents") in the above-referenced MUR. A Statement of Designation of Counsel for each of Mr. Stipe and the Stipe Law Firm is attached. The originals have been filed by Mr. Frasier with the Secretary of the Commission.

On behalf of the Stipe Respondents, we respectfully request an extension of twenty (20) days of the deadline for the response by the Stipe Respondents to the Reason to Believe finding and to the Subpoena to Produce Documents and Order to Submit Written Answers served on each of the Stipe Respondents in this MUR. As new counsel have replaced Mr. Larry Derryberry in the case, it will be necessary to take some time for counsel to become acquainted with all of the facts of the case. In addition, the Subpoena and Order require the gathering and analysis of facts and identification of documents related to a number of matters, some of them fairly complicated, a process which also will require a period of weeks.

For these reasons, we request an extension of twenty days for the Stipe Respondents to respond to the Reason to Believe finding and to the Subpoena and Order. The Subpoena and Order were received by Mr. Derryberry, on behalf of these respondents, on October 18, 1999. If this request is granted, the Stipe Respondents' response to the Subpoena and Order would be due on Tuesday, December 7, 1999.

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Thank you for your time and attention to these matters.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: James E. Frasier, Esq.



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